



## THOMAS SHERLOCK HODGSON

Passed away peacefully on February 27, 2006 after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease. Tom was born in Toronto on June 5, 1924 and grew up on Centre Island. In 1943, after graduating from the art program at Central Technical high school, Tom enlisted in the RCAF and was trained as a pilot and gunner. He produced many pieces depicting army life which were later donated to the War Art Museum. Discharged in 1945, he enrolled in the Ontario College of Art. As a founding member of the Painters Eleven in the 1950's, Tom was a pioneer of abstract art in Canada. Painters Eleven is credited with having introduced Abstract Expressionism to Canada. Tom had a brilliant career in commercial art advertising, and taught art at various institutions. From 1968 to 1973 he taught at the Ontario College of Art during what is often referred to as its most creative period...his philosophies about creativity influenced many of his students. Between 1952 and 1989, there were more than 20 exhibitions of his work in Canada and throughout the world. His works are on display in various Canadian galleries including the Robert McLaughlin Gallery, the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Canadian War Museum, Glenbow Museum the Galerie d'arts contemporains de Montréal, and the National Gallery of Canada.

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Tom was also a renowned athlete. He had a highly esteemed career as one of Canada's premier competitive canoe athletes, dominating canoe tandem racing in Canada for more than a decade. He competed over more than 50 years; he won his first Canadian title in 1941 and, 44 years later, raced in the First World Masters Canoe Championships. He won over 20 Canadian Championships and represented Canada at two Olympic games: Helsinki in 1952 and Melbourne in 1956. Tom leaves behind his first wife, Wilma, and five children: Mark, Rand, Lise, Kara and Timothy; and Jeannie Broadway, the mother of his fifth child Timothy; ten grandchildren; and his sister Jane. He was predeceased by his second wife Catherine Good who was dedicated to him during the difficult years when he was suffering from Alzheimer's. To celebrate his life, a reception will be held at the Balmy Beach Canoe Club, 1 Beech Avenue, on Tuesday, March 7 at 1 p.m.